

and must become effective upon leaving the vehicle, or not later than the point at which the vehicle is locked, and must deactivate the vehicle only by electronic means and not with the mechanical key. BMW also stated that the doors and ignition locks for the Carline 3 conform to Swedish Regulation F42-1975, which requires a minimum of five minutes resistance to the application of commonly available tools.

Based on evidence submitted by BMW, the agency believes that the antitheft device for the Carline 3 is likely to be as effective in reducing and deterring motor vehicle theft as compliance with the parts-marking requirements of the theft prevention standard (49 CFR Part 541).

The agency concludes that the device will provide the types of performance listed in § 543.6(a)(3): Promoting activation; preventing defeat or circumvention of the device by unauthorized persons; preventing operation of the vehicle by unauthorized entrants; and ensuring the reliability and durability of the device. The device lacks the ability to attract attention to the efforts of unauthorized persons to enter or operate a vehicle by a means other than a key (§ 543.6(a)(3)(ii)).

As required by 49 U.S.C. § 33106 and 49 CFR Part 543.6(a) (4) and (5), the agency finds that BMW has provided adequate reasons for its belief that the antitheft device will reduce and deter theft. This conclusion is based on the information BMW provided about its device.

For the foregoing reasons, the agency hereby grants in full BMW's petition for exemption for Carline 3 from the parts-marking requirements of 49 CFR Part 541.

If BMW decides not to use the exemption for this line, it should formally notify the agency. If such a decision is made, the line must be fully marked according to the requirements under 49 CFR Parts 541.5 and 542.6 (marking of major component parts and replacement parts).

NHTSA notes that if BMW wishes in the future to modify the device on which this exemption is based, the company may have to submit a petition to modify the exemption. Part 543.7(d) states that a Part 543 exemption applies only to vehicles that belong to a line exempted under this part and equipped with the antitheft device on which the line's exemption is based. Further, Part 543.9(c)(2) provides for the submission of petitions "to modify an exemption to permit the use of an antitheft device similar to but differing from the one specified in that exemption." The

agency wishes to minimize the administrative burden that Part 543.9(c)(2) could place on exempted vehicle manufacturers and itself.

The agency did not intend in drafting Part 543 to require the submission of a modification petition for every change to the components or design of an antitheft device. The significance of many such changes could be *de minimis*. Therefore, NHTSA suggests that if the manufacturer contemplates making any changes the effects of which might be characterized as *de minimis*, it should consult the agency before preparing and submitting a petition to modify.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 33106; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50.

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**L. Robert Shelton,**

*Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Research and Special Programs Administration

[Notice No. 97-14]

#### Notice of Information Collection Approval

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Information Collection Approval.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces OMB approval of information collection request for OMB No. 2137-0595, entitled Cargo Tank Motor Vehicles in Liquefied Compressed Gas Service. This information collection has been extended until March 31, 1999.

**DATES:** The expiration date of this information collection is March 31, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for a copy of an information collection should be directed to Deborah Boothe, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (DHM-10), Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8102, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Boothe, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (DHM-10), Research and Special Programs Administration, Room 8102, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001, Telephone (202) 366-8553.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

regulations (5 CFR 1320) implementing provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-13) require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(s)) and specify that no person is required to respond to an information collection unless it displays a valid OMB control number. RSPA published a final rule in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 44038) on August 18, 1997, entitled "Hazardous Materials: Cargo Tank Motor Vehicles in Liquefied Compressed Gas Service". RSPA received approval from OMB for the information collection in that final rule under OMB No. 2137-0595. The approval expires on February 28, 1998.

RSPA published Notice No. 97-4 (62 FR 44169) on August 19, 1997, requesting comments on this information collection. The comment period on Notice No. 97-4 closed on September 18, 1997. Based on comments received on Notice 97-4, RSPA submitted a request to OMB for extension of the information collection approval until March 31, 1999, which is the expiration date for requirements in the final rule. RSPA received no comments to Notice No. 97-4. RSPA has received approval from OMB for information collection OMB No. 2137-0595, entitled "Hazardous Materials: Cargo Tank Motor Vehicles in Liquefied Compressed Gas Service."

This information collection approval expires on March 31, 1999.

Issued in Washington, DC on November 20, 1997.

**Edward T. Mazzullo,**

*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the date and location of the next meeting and the agenda for consideration by the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service.

**DATE:** The next meeting of the Treasury Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the U.S. Customs Service will be held on December 11, 1997. The